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Do you have an idea for a project in your community, but just need the funding? Communities such as Portage, Valparaiso, Hobart, Michigan City and Gary have implemented projects with Coastal Program funding. Perhaps you are interested in protecting rare habitat or improving access to your favorite fishing spot, there are funds available for your community. Maybe your organization would like to educate residents about the rich history of Northwest Indiana or our impacts on the changing landscape. Your organization may be eligible for a grant to do so!

Communities and local organizations interested in submitting applications for Lake Michigan Coastal Program's 2007 Funding Cycle are invited to attend upcoming grant workshops. Potential applicants will be able to seek input on project eligibility and receive answers to their application questions. **Please Note:** The process for the 2007 Grant Cycle is new and includes a Pre-Application in place of a full application. This is intended to make the process easier for applicants and encourage more project submittals. We highly recommend that potential applicants attend one of these free workshops to learn about the new process and requirements.

The Grant Workshops will be held in each of the three program area counties:

- Tuesday August 22 - Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center 1:00-3:00 PM CDT
- Wednesday August 23 - Gibson Woods Nature Preserve, 6201 Parrish Ave., Hammond, 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM CDT
- Thursday August 24 - Michigan City Public Library 10:00 AM -12:00 PM CDT

The purpose of the Lake Michigan Coastal Program is to support partnerships among local, state, and federal agencies and local organizations for the protection and sustainable use of natural and cultural resources in the Lake Michigan region.

Projects eligible for grant funding must be located entirely in the northern portion of Lake, Porter, and LaPorte counties. For a map of the grant area, visit the following web site:
www.in.gov/dnr/lakemich/pdf/cpa.pdf.

The Lake Michigan Coastal Grants Program's updated Application and Guidance are available for download at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/lakemich/grants/coastalgrants.html>, or you can request copies by email at coastal@dnr.in.gov.

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